

# Power!!!

- The Major Players from 11<sup>th</sup> C to 15C W.  
Europe
  - The Roman Catholic Church
  - Kings
  - Nations
  - Vassals and Lords
  - Commoners- Burghers
  - Serfs

# 1066 CE

## The Battle of Hastings

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### **WILLIAM DEFEATS HAROLD**

Earlier today, William of Normandy defeated Harold for the throne  
Of England-

William consolidated power by ridding the country of the old Lords  
And Vassals and putting his own people in Charge- Most are from France  
French Connection will lead to 100s of years of War

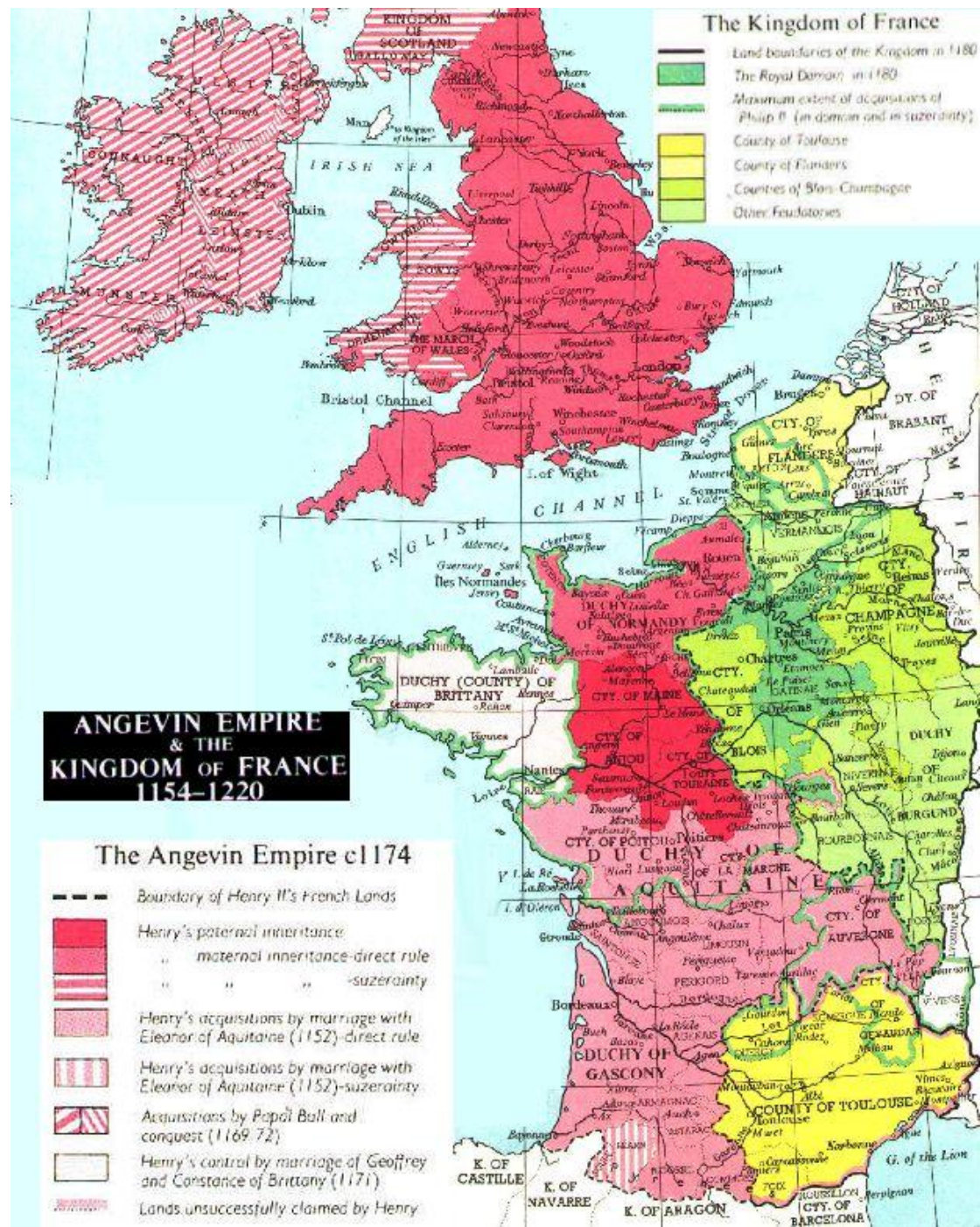
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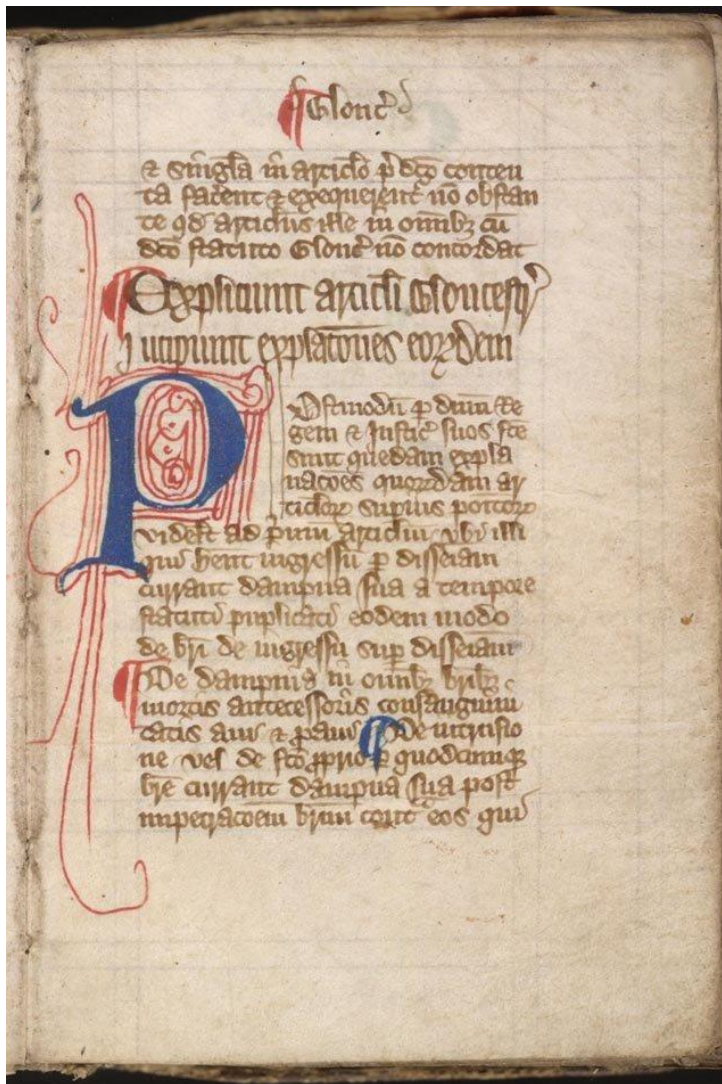
**Marriage and War  
creates strange  
bedfellows and  
more**





# 1215- Magna Carta

- “Softsword”?



Just \$21 Million

# 1295 – England- Towns get Power

- King Edward I fights with Lords pulls in Townspeople (Burghers) as ally to defeat Lords
  - King Edward I Creates Parliament
    - Parliament
      - House of Lords- Nobles
      - House of Commons
    - New Towns represented in Parliament- Towns begin to Develop 11<sup>th</sup> Century-
      - Agriculture revolution- Harnesses, Plows and Crop Rotation
      - Population BOOM-
        - » Serfs escape 1 yr 1day from Manor Gain Freedom

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King and Burghers gain Power- Nobles Lose**

# 1303 CE- French King tries to Kidnap Pope!!!

- Pope and French King Argue!!!
- Fight over lay investiture (Kings trying to appoint Church Officials)
  - French King kidnaps Pope releases him but then soon after Pope dies.
  - Italians blame French King for Popes' early death

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Church wins Power- King loses**

# 1305 CE- Great Schism starts

## A Pope in France

- French Cardinals get French Pope elected
- Papacy moves to France (Avignon) after French Pope threatened in Rome
  - Begins Great Schism (also known as the Babylonian Captivity)
  - Pope in Avignon lives in Posh Style- some become upset
  - 1377-1412- Two Popes at a Time- One in Rome, One in Avignon
  - 1412-1415- Three POPES!!! Rome, Avignon and Siena
  - Unsure Christians question their faith- New Ideas formulate-

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**King gains power- Church loses Power**



# Avignon



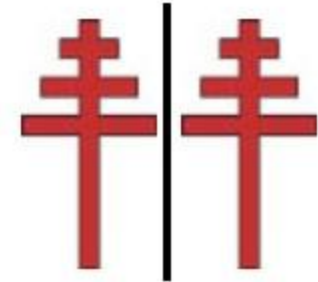
# The City of Avignon



# Roman Catholic Division- Great Schism



*The Great Schism*



During the Great Schism  
two men claimed to be Pope.

# 1337- 100 YEAR War Starts (really 116 years)

- French King dies without an Heir (SON or DAUGHTER)- English King claims to be closest relative Demands Throne! War Starts
- War Lasts 116 years (not continuous)
  - Highlights- Effects of new Weaponry
    - Long Bow -> end of the Knight- Piercing armor
    - Nobles threatened- Cannons break through Castle Walls- Look to King for Help- King becomes more powerful in France
    - Modern Warfare??? Large Armies with Big Weapons require Big Taxes

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# A Really Big Canon



## MONS MEG

THIS GIANT MEDIEVAL SIEGE GUN WAS PRESENTED TO KING JAMES II IN 1427 AND USED IN WAR AGAINST THE ENGLISH. IT WAS KEPT IN THE CASTLE AND USED ALSO FOR FIRING SALUTES. DURING ONE FIRING IN 1558, THE MASSIVE GUNSTONE WAS FOUND ALMOST 2 MILES AWAY! IT LAST FIRED IN 1681 WHEN ITS BARREL BURST.

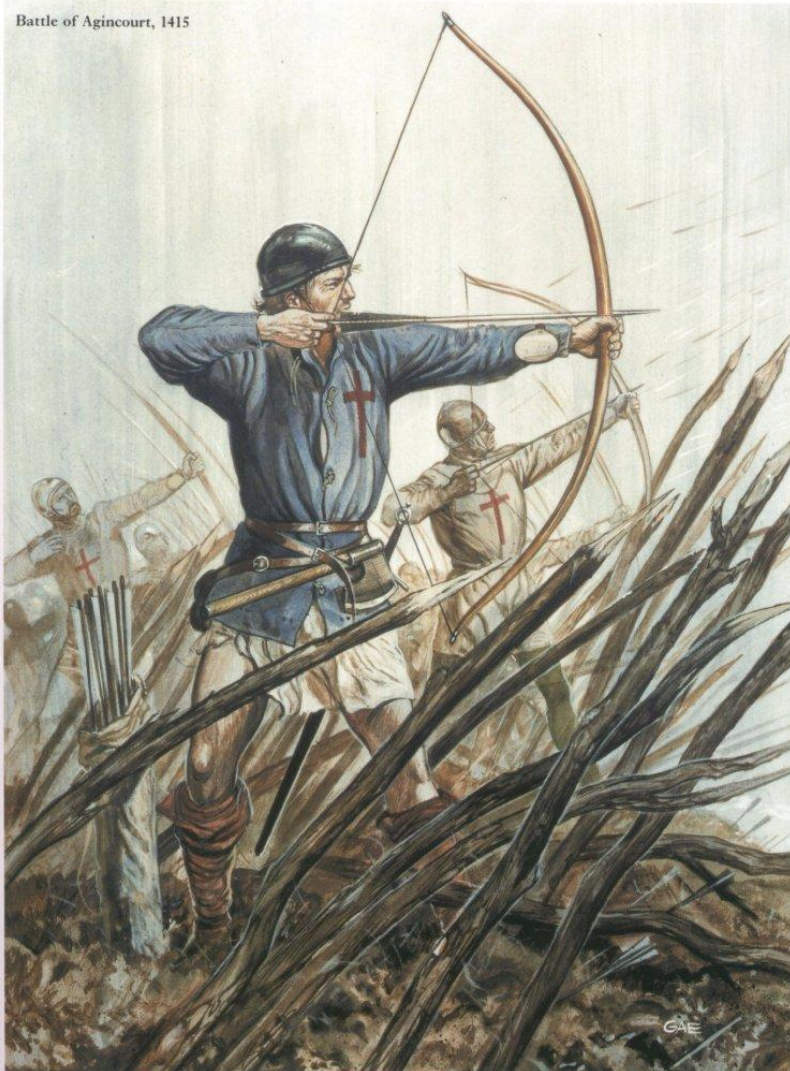
# An Even Bigger Cannon!!!



The Cannon  
Balls weigh  
More than a  
Ton!!!



# Longbows



Battle of Agincourt 1415  
Knights refused to battle  
Longbows.. Longbows won  
The Day of the Knight begins  
To wane

# 100 yr War

## Other ISSUES WITH THE WAR

- English object to Tithes (10%) paid to a Pope in France ->
- Joan of Arc sparks Nationalism
  - early 15c -> French Heroine, leads France to victory but later executed as a Heretic.
    - » 100yrs later-> Church beatifies her
- In the End
  - France wins
    - English Exhausted, France Unifies



# 13<sup>th</sup> Century in Italy-

- Italian City-States Prosper
  - City States- Venice becomes powerful
    - demand for goods from the East following crusaders return
    - Venice- First Banks formed (from Benches!!!)
  - Other City States- Pisa, Florence, Milan, Rome -> compete for power
  - NO UNITY->Italy will not have a true King for 600 years not a Nation- State until 1861!!!!

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City State- Gain Power- Nation loses power**



13C Venetian style  
boat

Venetian Book 15C

# 1477-1492- Spain Reconquers and Unifies

- Congratulations Isabella and Ferdinand on your Marriage!!!
  - Isabella of Aragon and Ferdinand of Castille marry-
    - Castille and Aragon two largest provinces in Spain
      - Consolidation of the two provinces help Unify Spain
  - 1492 order Jews and Muslims out of Spain- Inquisition against converts
  - Reconquista (reconquering of Spain by Christianity) final w/removal of Moors from Granada
  - Spain becomes Powerhouse- Invests money in Exploration

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King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella with two of their children, Prince Don Juan and Princess Doña Isabella. Painted by an anonymous Spanish master for the Dominican Monastery of Saint Thomas in Avila dated 1490.





# Who Gained, Who Lost

-Roman Catholic Church-

Mixed record

Church no longer fighting w/E. Orthodox, able to pass new rules,

ban- lay investiture, marriage priests

excommunication and interdict effectively used against

Heretics- See Inquisition

Fights w/Kings- Germany and France- early gains, later losses

Who's in Charge the Political Leader or the Spiritual ???

Avignon Papacy hurts church, divides loyalties

Kings-

England early gains (William) later losses (John) then gains again (Edward I –Parliament)

France starts out weak- Gains Power when Nobles need King to fight large scale War

# Who gained, who lost Part II

- Kings-
  - Germany- Stay weak- No Unified leader, Nobles Elect King- Keep King weak, No major outside threat, unlike France where England was a constant worry
  - Italy- Stays weak - City-States Develop
- Nobles
  - Few Gains- Magna Carta- Only major gain
    - Cannon put Nobles at risk- Need King

# Who gained, who lost Part III

- Nations
  - England 1066- William Unifies Power, Local Government loses Power, Nation gains
  - France Mid-15<sup>th</sup> Century- Joan of Arc and threat of England cause France to develop a unified Spirit!
  - Spain- Late 15<sup>th</sup> Century- Isabella and Ferdinand Unify Spain, Reconquer last Islamic Area,

# Who gained, who lost Part IV

- Towns
  - Gain power
    - Parliament in England- Gain Political Power
      - Negotiate Charters w/Lords
    - Universities form
    - Trading Centers
    - Population increase due to Agriculture Revolution
- Serfs
  - Gain Power during Black Plague- demand for labor increases, Serfs now in a better position to negotiate-
  - Some Serfs manage to leave Manor- 1 year, 1 day- Freedom rule becomes common
  - Most serfs remain poor, live in Manors, look forward to the “Everlasting Life”